

House Resolution 1577

By: Representatives Brown of the 89th, Epps of the 90th, and Smith of the 110th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the members of the board of commissioners of Troup County and the Troup County
2 Board of Education to bring to an amicable close their dispute concerning the collection of
3 ad valorem taxes; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Article VII, Section VI, Paragraph II of the Constitution of Georgia provides
5 that the General Assembly may by general law require local boards of education to reimburse
6 the appropriate governing authority for the collection of school taxes, provided that any rate
7 so established may be reduced by local Act; and

8 WHEREAS, Code Section 48-5-404 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated provides that
9 a tax collector or tax commissioner of a county shall be entitled to a commission of 2 1/2
10 percent for collecting school taxes; and

11 WHEREAS, the elected members of the Troup County Board of Education maintain that the
12 statutory percentage results in an excess of school taxes being paid to the county tax
13 commissioner, and the elected members of the board of commissioners of Troup County
14 maintain that the statutory percentage does not cover the true cost of collecting the taxes; and

15 WHEREAS, the Troup County legislative delegation strongly believes that such local matters
16 should be resolved by the persons elected by the voters of Troup County and the Troup
17 County School District and not by the General Assembly.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 GEORGIA that the members of this body strongly urge the elected members of the Troup
20 County Board of Education and the elected members of the board of commissioners of Troup
21 County to work diligently to resolve their dispute in an amicable manner for the benefit of
22 the citizens of Troup County.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Troup County Board of
- 3 Education and the board of commissioners of Troup County.